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At the beginning of the week Chicago prices were lower on larger sizes, Boston prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes and elsewhere prices were unchanged. During the week in Chicago and the Eastern region prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes, unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady at best to weak, and the larger sizes were usually in the weakest position. Retail demand continued light to fair, no better than moderate; and was generally best for the occasional feature. Supplies of the larger sizes remained available to ample, and the medium and lighter weights were generally adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices lower. Checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was light to occasionally moderate as breakers work limited schedules as liquid product movement is rated lackluster. Offerings continue adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to mostly barely steady. Light type fowl were mostly ample for current processing schedules which ranged from normal to heavy.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	84-88	76-80	55-57
New York	54-56	51-54	45-48
Philadelphia	52-62	50-60	44-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	37-38
Jackson (1)	58-59	56-57	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-68	52-66	42-58
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	43-48	42-47	36-41
Detroit (2)	42-45	41-44	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-50.5	42-49	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	46-53	44-51	36-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-64	58-61	48-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	76	68
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	63.91	61.54	47.69
SOUTHERN	67.26	65.12	46.84
MIDWEST	58.10	56.58	41.04
WESTERN	89.23	83.96	63.51
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.08	68.87	51.82

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-02-00	04-25-00	05-04-99
Large	25-27	38-40	26-28
Medium	18-20	23-25	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 01, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
			CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.8	15.3	10.1	14.2	7.9	54.3
	Change	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.3	37.7	11.4	28.7	16.4	111.5
	Change	0.9	14.1	2.4	4.2	3.1	28%
Large	Curr Wk	30.2	99.1	62.9	76.3	89.0	357.5
	Change	5.6	40.0	20.6	26.4	24.9	49%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.6	25.6	12.4	16.7	20.9	87.2
	Change	2.0	6.0	1.0	3.8	1.2	19%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	4.8	1.1	3.1	5.3	18.5
	Change	0.9	-0.6	-1.9	-0.1	1.1	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	16.9	6.7	11.8	5.9	44.6
	Change	-0.8	-3.3	-3.3	-1.1	-0.8	-17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.5	53.6	12.4	28.1	41.3	154.9
	Change	-4.9	12.3	0.1	4.1	1.9	10%
Total	Curr Wk	92.9	253.0	117.0	178.9	186.7	828.5
Percent	Change	6%	37%	19%	27%	20%	24%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	828.5	24%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	407.9	0%	39

Total Shell Egg 1236.4 15% 209
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-APR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
C W	1,227,823	27,891	12,311	6,550	3,273	4,116
P W	1,109,687	25,898	10,782	5,597	2,663	3,596
L Y	1,140,380	24,710	12,354	6,479	2,888	3,466
% PW	11	8	14	17	23	14
% LY	8	13	0	1	13	19
2000	19,279,037	438,389	191,585	104,357	48,999	64,186
1999	17,842,566	405,678	176,702	97,361	44,992	56,106

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.43 41.34 41.22

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 29-APR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	222.6	0	0
E.N. CENTRAL	516.3	9	-65
W.N. CENTRAL	262.5	4	17
S. ATLANTIC	191.4	-6	4
S. CENTRAL	75.1	-4	0
WEST	179.1	-23	-18
TOTAL	1,447.0	-1	-39
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>15 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 15 Selected States</u>	
	APR 22	APR 29	APR 22	APR 29
	Thousand			
AL	29,417	28,023	21,748	21,898
AR	30,357	30,702	23,109	24,180
DE	*4,456	4,139	*4,751	4,613
FL	2,909	2,886	2,310	2,519
GA	32,295	32,281	25,493	25,119
MD	9,171	8,644	*6,693	6,084
MS	17,950	18,299	15,715	15,615
NC	18,244	17,562	*14,141	14,196
PA	*3,765	3,688	*2,831	2,798
SC	4,849	4,596	3,806	3,732
TX	15,010	15,050	11,445	11,833
VA	6,597	6,682	5,420	5,691
CA, TN, & WV	11,418	11,512	*10,563	10,731
15 State Total	*186,438	184,064	*148,025	149,009
Previous Year	183,419	183,331	144,702	147,173
Pct. of Prev.	102	100	102	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10-Jun-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 153.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 143.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.74 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/27/00-05/03/00

	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	30.67	—	31.75	33.00	31.14	32.11	26.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.75	29.50	26.13	31.00	8.00
GL W XL	35.00	37.00	38.25	39.22	34.04	—	30.50
GL W LG	—	41.00	33.00	34.50	31.18	27.00	15.50
GL W MD	30.00	31.00	27.92	29.00	27.15	—	18.50
GL W SM	—	—	20.38	21.75	19.00	—	5.00
NRBS - 45	12.00	13.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	17.50	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-APR-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	19.8	30.4	-35 -27
BOSTON	3.7	5.7	-35 -26
CHICAGO	31.4	74.5	-58 -33
DETROIT	22.5	45.7	-51 -7
KANSAS CITY	3.0	3.8	-21 -36
LOS ANGELES	93.1	159.3	-42 40
NEW ORLEANS	5.2	14.0	-63 -36
NEW YORK	37.8	43.4	-13 -10
ST. LOUIS	12.3	17.6	-30 -2
SAN FRANCISCO	20.2	32.4	-38 17
TOTAL	249.0	426.8	-42 -2
4 WK MVG AVG	338.6		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 22-APR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	
	BREEDERS BREEDERS			TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	4,011	17	15	4,043
AVG WT	25.57	31.82	26.13	25.71
LAST WEEK	4,905	2	61	4,968
SAME WEEK YR AGO	6,277	16	45	6,338
AVG WT	24.46	22.94	27.51	24.48
TO-DATE/2000	73,427	219	618	74,264
TO-DATE/1999	73,563**	283	514	74,360

**Note Young turkey to-date 1999 for week ending 15-Apr

corrected to 67,286.

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2,000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-APR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND HEAD—			WT
N EAST	1,026	73	21.54	NONE	NONE	1,026 21.54
S ATL	638	-4	30.31	(A)	(A)	646 30.23
N CENT	1,468	-45	28.31	(A)	(A)	1,473 28.31
S CENT	618	-10	21.47	NONE	NONE	618 21.47
WEST	278	-10	26.21	(A)	(A)	280 26.19
U.S.TOTAL	4,028(B)-16	25.71	0	15	4,043	25.71

TO DATE

2000 73,527(B) 119 618 74,264

TO DATE

1999 73,846*(B) 0 514 74,360

**Note Young Turkey to-date 1999 for week ending 15-Apr
corrected to 67,553.

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 17,000 for the year 219,000; last year to date 283,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,156(A)	2,036	1,424	3,460	486
AVG WT	5.04	3.38	7.74	5.18	6.44
LAST WEEK	146,562	2,030	1,433	3,463	391
YR AGO	153,704	2,147	1,405	3,552	454
AVG WT	4.90	3.37	8.17	5.27	6.64
TO-DATE/2000	2,605,489	34,626	23,306	57,932	7,709
TO-DATE/1999	2,551,327	37,092	22,795	59,887	7,702

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.0 million head or 0.5 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-May-00

	CURRENT WEEK 05/06/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/29/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	160,019(2)	156,129
LT HENS	2,168	2,107
HVY HENS	1,530	1,494
TOTAL	163,717	159,730

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-May-00 is 156.1 million head compared to 156.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.3 million head or 4.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 13-May-00 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH 25	157.1	153.4	102	5.08
APRIL 1	158.1	152.9	103	4.97
8	155.5	150.5	103	5.03
15	156.7	149.4	105	5.05
22	148.3	149.9	99	5.05
29	154.0	153.5	100	5.04
YEAR TO DATE	2637.2	2574.8	102	
MAY 6		156.1		
13		157.2		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
1-May-00	24-Apr-00	24-Apr-00	3-May-99
55.19	-0.70	55.89	58.43
NUMBER OF LOADS	768		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 05/01/00-05/06/00.

	U.S. GRADE A	COMPOSITE
	MAJ WTD AVG	LDS WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.06 48 48.56 84
Los Angeles	62.00	61.17 63 59.62 219
New York	53.00-56.00	53.65 37 56.04 87

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
AM 1-Apr-00	3,920	124,850	78,991
CHG	-729	2554	11192
PCT CHG	-19	2	14

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	7	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.02 PCT
TURKS	407	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.97 PCT
POP	930	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT

HEN MARKETS

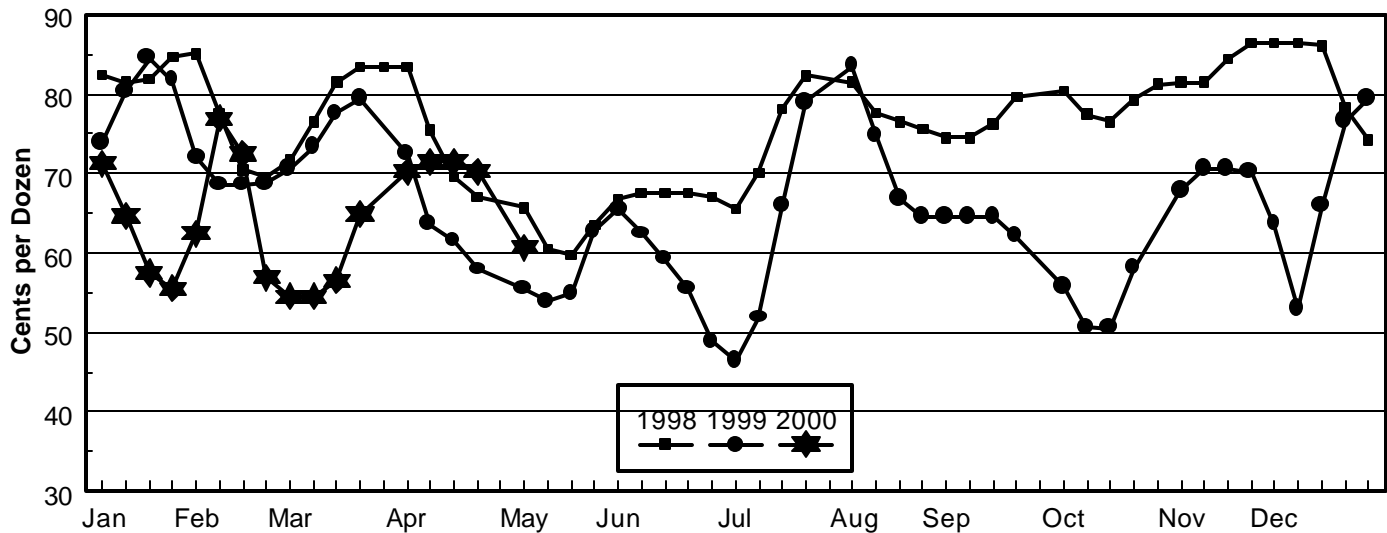
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
05/01/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8.25-10	10.18
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-18(1)	10-13	12.63
04/28/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

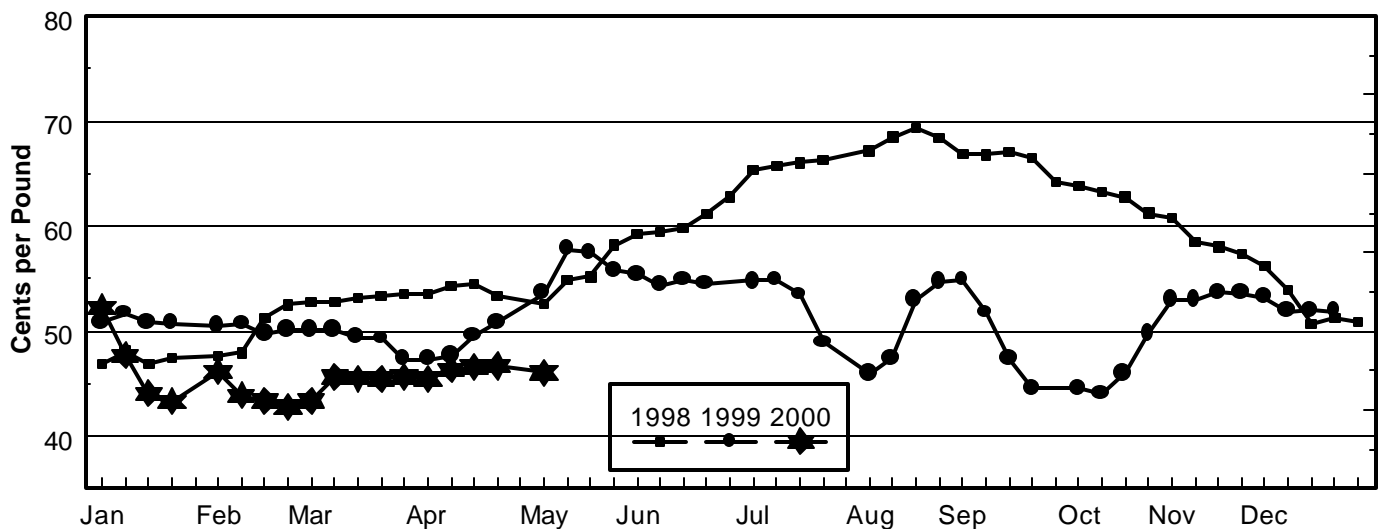
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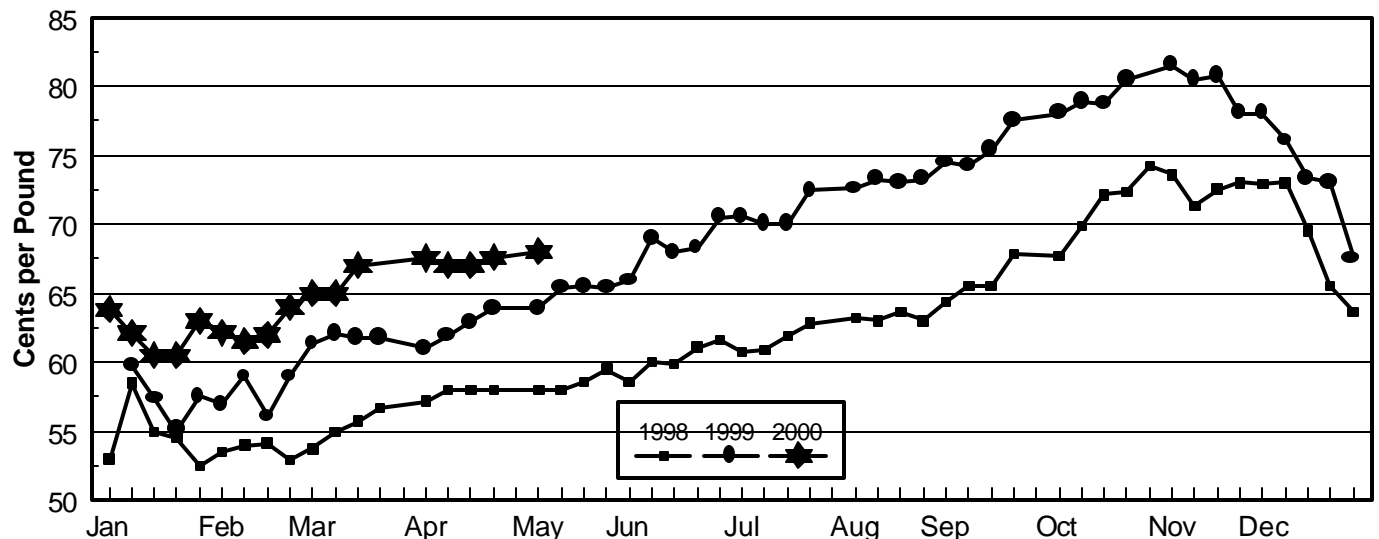
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.